Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Who made the enquiries?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* The Director of Industries.

Mr. T. A. Ramchandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* May I know why no action was taken by Government against these newspapers when they made such false charges.

Mr. President: Order, order. I think the Government's time would be more than fully occupied if they were to take action in all such cases.

OFFICERS PUNISHED WITHIN THE LAST TEN YEARS

238. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have punished within the last ten years commencing back from 2nd December 1943 any of their officers who had been guilty of gross negligence and dereliction of duty "with a punishment of stopping of increment for three years without prejudice to his seniority";

(*b*) the nature of punishments awarded within the last ten years to officers who were found fault with "guilty of gross negligence and dereliction of duty"?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M. B. E. *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The punishments awarded depend upon the nature and seriousness of negligence or dereliction of duty, and the department in which the officer is employed. There have been cases of dismissal, suspension, fine, stopping of increment, censure, warnings, extra drill, leave without pay, discharge from service, degradation, reduction to the minimum pay from the maximum, transfer, change of section, blackmark, etc.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Government will be able to give the number of such officers with a punishment of stopping of increments for 3 years without prejudice to their seniority.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* We do not know.

OFFICERS DEBARRED FROM ENTERING GOVERNMENT SERVICE

239. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to give a caste-war statement of persons debarred from being entertained in Cochin Government service in future as per orders of the Government passed during the last three years?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* A statement containing the information gathered is placed on the Council Table.

BUSES PLYING BETWEEN ERNAKULAM AND TRIPPUNITTURA

240. Mr. P. Narayana Menon *(Trippunittura):* Will Government be pleased to answer the following.—

(*a*) the number of buses now plying between Ernakulam and Trippunittura belonging to the C.T.S.;

(*b*) the number of permits issued by the Government to buses belonging the C.T.S.;

(*c*) are the Government aware that the C.T.S. was for some time transporting Anchal mails from Trippunittura to Mulanthuruthi and Amballur on bicycles;

(*d*) if so, what action have they taken in the matter?

Mr. B. V. K. Menn *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Three.

(*b*) Six.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The mail contractor has been warned several times and fined on one occasion.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: എത്രപ്രാവശ്യം താക്കീതു ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്?

മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. വി. കെ. മേനോൻ: എത്രയെന്നകൃത്യമായി പറയുവാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. പലതവണയും താക്കീതുചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ഒന്നിലധികംപ്രാവശ്യം താക്കീതുചെയ്തിട്ടും അനുസരിക്കാഞ്ഞാൽ എന്തെങ്കിലും ശിക്ഷകൊടുക്കാമായിരുന്നില്ലെ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. വി. കെ. മേനോൻ: അപ്പോഴാണ് പിഴയിട്ടിട്ടുള്ളതു.

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മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. വി. കെ. മേനോൻ: അതിനശേഷം ഇതുവരെ അങ്ങിനെ ഉണ്ടായിട്ടില്ല.

ANCHAL CARDS—AVAILABILITY OF

241. Mr. P. Narayana Menon *(Trippunittura)*: Will Government be pleased to answer.—

(*a*) are the Government aware that in most of the Anchal Offices, Anchal cards are not available;

(*b*) what action has been taken by the Government in the matter?

Mr. B. V. K. Menn *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) All available stocks have been distributed to the Anchal Offices and steps are taken to replenish stocks.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: In view of the election, may I know whether the Government will be prepared to make Anchal cards available in large quantities

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: As far as possible.

TODDY SHOP—PANANGAD—LOCATION OF

242. Mr. P. Narayana Menn *(Trippunittura)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) where the toddy shop No. 37 in Panangad in Kumbalam Village is located;

(*b*) how far is it from local temple;

(*c*) did the Government get any petition from the Public for the shifting of the shop;

(*d*) what action did the Government take on that petition?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) The shop is located in Panangad Desom.

(*b*) As there are more than one temple in the locality, the question is not clear.

(*c*) No petition has been received from the General Public for shifting the shop.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*c*).

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ഈ ഷാപ്പ് ഇപ്പോൾ അവിടെനിന്നുമാറ്റിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

HILL PALACE ROAD—TODDY SHOPS

243. Mr. P. Narayana Menon *(Trippunittura)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of toddy shops now existing by the side of the Hill Palace Road;

(*b*) the distance of each of them from the road;

(*c*) the distance of the old site of shop No. 43 from the Hill Palace Road?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) One shop.

(*b*) 168 yards.

(*c*) 24 yards.

EXCISE STAFF—STRENGTHENING OF

244. Mr. P. Narayana Menon *(Trippunittura)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) have the Government any idea of strengthening the Excise Staff in connection with the new levy of Excise duty on tea, coffee and arecanut;

(*b*) if so, will not preference be given to persons already in service in making the new appointments?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

ARTICLE IN THE "JENMABHUMI" DATED 24TH SEPTEMBER 1944

245. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: (*a*) Whether Government have noted the following article in "ജന്മഭൂമി" dated 24th September 1944 on page 5 and on page 7; "അടക്കാ വ്യാപാരവിഷമങ്ങൾ"

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